

## JUDGE BLANTON TAKEN TO TASK BY W. R. SMITH

Congressman From This District Refutes, in Letter, Rival's Charges.

With the approach of the July primaries interest in politics is beginning to awaken in earnest. Definite stands are being taken and there are open avowals as to favorites in the various political parties.

Locally, politics has rocked along on an even and uneventful course. The "race" even now does not believe that it has any real opposition. As far as demonstrations go there have as yet been no evidences of any county campaign being in progress.

Political interest in the main now seems to be centering on the gubernatorial and congressional race for this district. In the latter race the friends here of W. R. Smith appear to be greatly in the majority. Judge Thomas L. Blanton, of Abilene, Tex., may have some friends here, but so far they have not appeared in any great number.

The congressional campaign as well as the gubernatorial is on in earnest as far as the local voters are concerned. They are watching with considerable interest the progress being made by Congressman Smith and Judge Blanton, both of whom have taken the stump. Judge L. S. J. Inaicks, of Midland, Tex., who has presided here in the 24th district court, has become campaign manager for Mr. Smith. W. H. Fryer, court administrator of the 24th court, left here for Judge Inaicks's headquarters to assist in that campaign. Judge Dan M. Jackson, of the 24th court, is holding court for Judge Inaicks in his district so that the latter can devote his whole time and attention to the campaign.

Smith Issues Open Letter. Mr. Smith, when he cannot be present, keeps in touch with his constituents in west Texas by sending them open letters. Recently the congressman and

Judge Blanton joined issues on several questions and in the last open letter Mr. Smith sent to his west Texas constituents he took Judge Blanton to task. As to the reappointment of Frank Sterett, Republican postmaster at Albany, which Mr. Smith says Judge Blanton in his speeches accused him of being responsible for the congressman says that he opposed the appointment and Judge Blanton had been advised of this.

"You are charging," Mr. Smith writes in the open letter to Judge Blanton, "that I refused to let the people of this district select a postmaster by a primary election, and permitted a postmaster at that place to be named by Mr. R. G. Powell and T. E. Powell. This charge is untrue and you know it. The fact is the term of the present incumbent of that office, who is a Republican appointee by President Taft, does not expire until August 23, 1914, and therefore the question of selecting his Democratic successor has not yet even been considered."

"The Blair office is in your judicial district. You have been holding court there, receiving your mail from that office, and personally you know the postmaster, and you know the Powells. You say a postmaster has been named for Blair. Who is he?"

Another Charge Nailed. "You are charging that I turned down the endorsement of the great mass of Democrats at Rule and had Mr. McClellan appointed upon the endorsement of Judge Combs, of Anson. This is not true. Mr. McClellan was endorsed by over 400 patrons of that office and the other applicants combined had less than half that many endorsements. Why did you make the statement that I turned down the endorsement of the great mass of Democrats at Rule?"

"You have charged at Aspermont. I recommended Mr. Thomas upon the endorsement of Judge Combs. This is not true. Mr. Thomas was not recommended to me by Judge Combs."

Further on in his open letter, Mr. Smith says to Judge Blanton: "You have charged that my recommendation of Gentry at Pecos smacks of gratitude to a legislator for preventing redistricting. I suppose you have this charge solely upon the fact that Gentry was a member of the legislature. In connection with this case do you not think that I would have been only simple justice to me to have disclosed the fact that Gentry was endorsed by the Democratic executive committee of the county and by a majority of all the voters of the city at Pecos? Being so endorsed would you have turned him down just because he happened to be a member of the legislature?"

"You charge that I absolutely ignored the demands of the Democrats

at Alpine and forced a postmaster on them against their will. Mr. Coleman, whom I recommended, had more than three times as many endorsements from among the patrons of the office as all the other applicants put together."

Keat Seed to 45,000. Mr. Smith says that it is not true that he sent seed only to public officers and those prominent in politics. A letter to the agricultural department, Mr. Smith writes, "would have confirmed the fact that I have sent seed this year to more than 45,000 people in the district. I had about 52,000 names on my list, and not being able to secure enough to go around was compelled to omit some, but those I omitted resided in the larger cities, El Paso, Abilene and San Angelo. If any farmer failed to get a package it was because his name was not on my list, for which I was not to blame."

Refutes to the redistricting proposition. Mr. Smith writes Judge Blanton: "By a circular you have sent out broadcast over this district and by your speech at the meeting at Abilene you have proposed a redistricting of this state into single members of the legislature. But who knows this is untrue. I do not oppose the gerrymander which would have put my county, which would have included El Paso in counties surrounding San Antonio, and which many prominent newspapers in the state denounce. I was charged by the legislature me out of office. But I was in favor of any fair redistricting bill and repeatedly so wrote to members of the legislature."

Didn't Neglect Duties. "In that same circular you designed to leave the impression that in going to Austin to see the governor, I left my work in Washington behind. I record shows that I was in Austin from March 20, 1913, to the congressional adjournment on March 4, 1914, and that the following session commenced on March 10, 1914. I also show that I answered to roll call on the last day of the former session and on the first day of the latter. This shows that my trip to Austin was wholly between sessions. Now Judge Blanton, you ought to show why you circulated these misrepresentations."

Mr. Smith says that the speech he recently distributed was delivered by him in the house of representatives and that he paid for the printing of the speech out of his own pocket.

If you have any record," Mr. Smith's letter continues, "on the pension question, you know that I had voted against every extravagant pension appropriation bill and every enlargement of the pension system, and that I voted against allowing pensions to nonresidents and those who already had plenty to live on."

"When you made this slanderous charge against me at San Angelo, it was challenged and then you backed water on it and said it had been told to you. I demand to know who told it to you and I also demand to know if you intend to repeat this slander."

Wants Blanton to Answer. In concluding Mr. Smith expresses the hope that Judge Blanton will answer the questions he has asked him and that the answers will be specific and not evasive. He desires answers to be made through the press, stating that only in this way can the charges against him be approximately overthrown.

Mr. Smith says that if Judge Blanton has questioned his vote upon any measure since he has been in office, he wants him to specifically mention such vote. If Judge Blanton does not do this, Mr. Smith states that he will take it for granted that he endorses each one.

## SECOND ARREST MADE IN BIGGS SHOOTING

Julian Valenzuela, Wounded, Is Found at San Antonio, Is Released.

Julian Valenzuela, suffering from a bullet wound in his right leg, was arrested by deputy sheriffs in the smelter precinct Saturday afternoon at 4:20 o'clock. After the wound was examined by county physician, Dr. Hugh White, the man was taken to the county jail where he is being held in connection with the alleged holding of Edwin Biggs and his wife near the cement plant Friday night. Valenzuela, according to deputy sheriff Good, Jr., one of the arresting officers, did not deny that he was with Jose Yanez, the man who was killed at the time.

Valenzuela's story was, the deputy said, that he and Yanez were returning from a party Friday night and Yanez had been drinking. They encountered Biggs and his wife, and Valenzuela believed that the Americans must have become excited, for he said that he began shooting. He declared he was then struck by one of the bullets.

Early Friday morning, Rafael Cardenas, with a bullet wound in his right hip, was arrested at the smelter by a deputy and taken to the county hospital. Cardenas denied any complicity in the alleged holding, stating that he had been struck by a bullet. After an investigation and the arrest of Valenzuela, Judge James J. Murphy dismissed the case against the man and ordered him released.

## HUGE HAILSTONES FALL IN YSLETA

No Damage to Crops Is Reported as Result of Storm; Mrs. St. John Graves Is Hurt at Ten.

Ysleta, Tex., June 1.—Ysleta had a heavy rain on Friday afternoon, accompanied by the largest hail seen in this vicinity for years. No damage to crops has been reported however. The heavy hail lasted only a few minutes.

Judge Louis Fox is ill at his residence. Mrs. Milton St. John Graves gave a charming rose tea at her home. El Nido complimentary to her house guests. Mrs. L. S. Kennicot, of Elephant Butte, New Mexico, the rose garden surrounding the home was in full flower. The living room was filled with dozens of Mexican Beauty roses in jardiniere and baskets. The dining room was fragrant with bouquet of Killarney roses. The tea table was covered with a cloth embroidered in roses. In the center of the table was a jar of green pottery filled with roses. Killarney roses. Two courses, with tea from the painted tea set, were served. The hostess and guests were served in pink china and white. The guests were bouquets of roses. The guests enjoying Mrs. Graves' hospitality were: Mesdames E. W. White, J. S. Kennicot, Miss Hanson, Mrs. W. D. Laudon and Miss Dorothy Winans.

## RADIUM HAS CURED THROAT CANCER, IS ANNOUNCED

Baltimore, Md., June 1.—It is announced that radium has effected a complete cure of cancer of the throat for which A. L. Glass, a railroad official of Gainesville, Fla., came here for treatment two months ago.

Last January Mr. Glass experienced irritation of the throat which gradually grew worse. After an unsuccessful operation the trouble was pronounced to be an incurable case of cancer. Radium was applied late in March. Sunday night Mr. Glass was told that he might return to his home secure in the belief that he was cured.

IS BEING CONGRATULATED. Corp. William Krushinski, first violinist of the 15th cavalry orchestra, is being congratulated for his splendid violin solos played in the intermissions between the historical pageant scenes of the high school commencement.

Corp. Krushinski played violin solos which were heartily enjoyed.

## OLD MEMORIES REVIEWED WHEN VETERANS MEET

Many States Represented Here by Survivors of the Civil War.

It was a happy lot of veterans who formed the thin line of heroes Saturday to celebrate Memorial day.

Boys of 75 and 82 told war stories on the federal building steps and joked of death as they had done as they marched into battle under the stars and stripes of the stars and bars, miniatures of which they carried to mark the graves of their departed comrades. With Sherman's little group of veterans, a group of 100, who were with Key West, and companion of Custer during the civil war, this little group of grizzled veterans held the elements of a dozen war dramas and human interest for an hundred short stories of "war what was a war," as they expressed it.

One veteran was missing from the group at the governor's mansion. He was comrade O. D. Owen, naval veteran who fought with distinction during the war and was a member of the 1st Missouri Cavalry. Owen has been in California where he has been seriously ill and his naval uniform was in the parade to the cemetery.

Veterans of Mexican War. Mexico contributed a veteran to the parade. He was comrade L. D. Combs, first Missouri engineer. He had no campaign badge as he had been lost in Mexico during the war. Combs went to Mexico to establish a vineyard for the land owners and had been in the republic until last year when he came to El Paso with the refugees. He is a Spanish translator and a student of Spanish-Mexican history.

Capt. S. C. Woodward, past commander of the G. A. R., was one of the most active of the veterans participating in the parade. He drives his own automobile the year around and never allows a veteran to get by him and the car is not in the shop.

With a car filled with sweet peas, W. W. McCown, 11th Texas cavalry, accompanied by his wife with another bouquet, was at the meeting place with his gold braided fatigue hat, his badge of service and his flag, resembling a figure from some Civil war painting.

Many Veterans Present. Capt. Frank Tustin, adjutant of the G. A. R., was one of the imposing figures at the Memorial service. Straight in spite of his age, with a little goatee which gives him the face the striking appearance of the conventional Civil war veteran, Capt. Tustin, with his gold braided fatigue hat, his badge of service and his flag, resembled a figure from some Civil war painting.

J. A. Winram wore the badge of the naval veterans, having served with admirals in the navy. He was one of the few naval veterans to participate in the parade.

Thomas F. Holgate, company K, 10th New York infantry, mourned for his brigade commander, Gen. Dan Sickles. Sickles received the Medal of Honor for his gallant service with the Confederate army, with Breckinridge at Shiloh and lost two brothers, two brothers-in-law and 21 cousins in the war.

Comrade Charles Cole was the only surviving veteran in El Paso of the 25th Pennsylvania regiment, a member of company H, 25th Pennsylvania command.

Lanscott Makes Speech. F. M. Lanscott, 15th Indiana volunteers is known as the orator of the Grand Army post. Although past 75 years, he is active and has a wonderful gift of oratory. While waiting for the parade to start Saturday morning he made his comrades a little speech in which he reviewed the war and the G. A. R. we lived in the deadliest age any government ever survived and we are living today to pay a reunited country, one flag and all men brothers. For this we have not lived in vain.

Capt. Paul Derr of company A, 25th Pennsylvania infantry and comrade Charles Cole, company H, 25th Pennsylvania infantry, were the only veterans in the parade who did not know each other until after the close of the struggle.

W. D. Coleman, second Texas infantry, fought with the Tennessee army with honor.

H. M. Waters wore the blue and the gray badge with the profile of Lincoln, his being the only one worn by any of the veterans. He is a veteran of company H, second Ohio cavalry and was with Custer in the third division.

Illinois furnished more than 100 regiments to the war and J. M. Hoy was one of the volunteers, being a member of the 114th Illinois volunteers, company I.

Texas Veterans Here. Many Texas veterans of the Confederate army are living in El Paso. H. W. Danner, 2nd Texas cavalry, of the 17th Texas infantry with Maj. Gen. Walker.

G. M. Jackson, company G, 12d Arkansas infantry, was one of the volunteer flower bearers.

Many Indians are members of the Grand Army post. R. D. Dargatzis, company K, 181st Indiana volunteers, was a member of the 155 regiments sent by this state to the war.

With Bragg in Tennessee, J. M. Roberts served with the 41st Mississippi throughout the war.

H. F. Stacy, commander of the Confederate camp, is a veteran of the 12th Texas infantry and was a member of the same regiment with W. T. Stuart, although they did not know each other. Comrade Stewart lives in Douglas, Ariz.

A little Confederate flag which was given him at the Magnolia, Ga., reunion was worn by J. T. Crawford, post. R. Dargatzis, company K, 181st Indiana volunteers, was a member of the 155 regiments sent by this state to the war.

Louisiana was not missing in the Texas Saturday for J. T. Crawford wore the badge of the second Louisiana cavalry.

Another Illinois soldier was Joseph

W. Beeson, of company G, 42nd Illinois.

Served in Two Regiments. Thomas Stacy is enrolled on the books of two Michigan regiments. He enlisted first in the third Michigan, which was one of the first to be organized at the outbreak of the war and transferred to the fifth Michigan regiment to see more service. He was a part of the historic army of the Potomac which camped before Richmond.

Marching with him was S. C. Davis, comrade of the 42nd and wearing the badge of the army of the Tennessee.

Farker Burnham, lovingly known as "Dad," claimed the distinction of being the oldest resident of El Paso, having recently celebrated the 55th anniversary of his arrival in El Paso. He is a veteran of the first Texas infantry, company B.

Capt. J. M. Smith, the G. A. R. post commander, is one of the most active of the union veterans. He is a customs inspector on the active list and has as splendid a record in the federal service since the war as he had during the war.

Thomas Finn, fighter, was in the procession representing Ireland, the birthplace of fighters. Company F, 10th Texas infantry, claimed Dennis for her Irish comrade. A fighter he was.

Capt. H. V. Brady was given an ovation by the northern and southern comrades who drove an automobile decorated with Confederate and Union flags and loaded with flowers. Brady was a member of company I, first Missouri cavalry.

## THREE LOSE LIVES TO SAVE COMRADES

Philadelphia, Pa., June 1.—Three young men, none of whom could swim, lost their lives to save four comrades, two of them girls. The dead are John Mouchek, Raymond Tinney and John Murphy. They leaped into the Delaware river from a sinking row boat late Saturday and were drowned.

The others reached shore safely. They were Sarah German, a member of the party, were engaged to be married. The craft containing the seven young people began rapidly filling with water when 100 yards from the shore, from a loose board on the bottom. Despite the efforts to halt the boat with their hands it soon became evident that unless the load was lightened, the boat would sink before shore could be reached. None of the party could swim, but all the men volunteered to jump, that the others might be saved.

Tinney was the first to spring over the side, quickly followed by Mouchek and Murphy.

The boat capsized, however, after the three men had disappeared in the water, and the four other occupants were thrown into the river. John Nevill and George German, the other male members of the party, clung to an overturned craft and, grasping the girls as they sank for the second time, held them until a motorboat raced to the rescue.

JAPANESE CRUISERS, VETERANS OF WAR, ARE ON PACIFIC COAST OF WASH. STATE. Los Angeles, Calif., June 1.—Two veterans of the Russo-Japanese war, the Japanese cruisers Asama and Azuma, arrived in Los Angeles harbor today from Honolulu on a cruise. They were welcomed by E. Numann, Japanese consul-general at San Francisco, representatives of the mayor and the chamber of commerce of Los Angeles and several thousand Japanese in decorated launches.

A series of entertainments will be given the officers of the warships and on Friday the twin ships will leave for San Francisco, from there going to Vancouver and Puget Sound.

## PAGEANT REPEATED SATURDAY NIGHT AT EL PASO THEATER

The final performance of the historical pageant of the southwest by the high school took place Saturday night at the El Paso theater before a good sized audience. The performance was repeated at the request of many people who could not obtain entrance to the first performance. A small admission charge was made, as the committee estimated for which the pageant was given were completed with the awarding of the diplomas to the seniors at the end of the Friday night performance. Through the door receipts enough was made to about cover the deficit in the pageant expense fund.

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